



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Welcome. Love. Serve.

FIRST

Sunday in Lent

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

February 21, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
(live streamed)

Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Bulletins are available outside the entrances
of the Church and PMC.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Lent

February 21, 2021

Reflections

WELCOME TO LENT!

It is often said that Lent is a PENITENTIAL season.

This does not mean it is PENAL (from Latin poena = punishment), but rather a time of REPENTANCE (from Latin pentire = to regret).

Lent is a time to face the things we regret doing or not doing and to set out in a new direction. Lent is a time to make sure we are claiming our true identity as Christians. Lent is a time to make sure that we are living as fully as we can in the power of Christ. Lent is a time of realigning priorities in (the) light of the gospel.

Colossians 2:9 - 3:11

You have been given fullness in Christ, who is head over every power and authority...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead...Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules? Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch! These are all destined to perish with use because they are based on human commands and teachings. Such regulations have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, with their false humility and harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual desire...Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God...So do not lie to one another, since **you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

LENT IS A TIME TO ASK OURSELVES AND REFLECT ON SERIOUS QUESTIONS:

1. Is my identity centered in God's love for me as a unique person or in what other people think of me?
2. Am I moving beyond the old self formed and limited by my past experiences and relationships? How are fear and anger holding me back from growing in my relationships with God and others?
3. How can I make space for God in my life?
4. What can I put in place of the practices that control me or that have failed to give me joy or peace (checking my phone /watching television/going shopping)?
5. How can I make space in my life for giving to others?
6. What is one positive thing that I want to do to realign my priorities?

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

To help us learn more about our history and identity as People of God, Fr. Scott will be offering a series of Lenten reflections on the covenants. The covenants give form and structure to the Bible and to all the Sunday reading for Lent and the Easter Vigil. The reflection series will begin on Sunday, February 21, 2021 and continue for the next 6 weeks. The podcast can be found on the website (<https://st-raymond.org>). You are invited to carve out some time to listen and learn more about who we are as Church.

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

PRAYER | FASTING | ALMSGIVING

Lent

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday—9:00 a.m.
(in-person & livestream)

Thursday—12:00 p.m. *(in-person only)*

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday | 4:00—4:30 p.m. | Church

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday—5:00 p.m. *(in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)*

Sunday—8:30 a.m. *(in-person only)*
and 11:00 a.m. *(in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)*

LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services - Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in any location our bulletins are offered. More information about CRS Rice bowls can be found through the bulletin and social media.
(Donations can also be made online through <https://crsricebowl.org>)

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

Podcast with Fr. Scott | Weekly | Website: <https://st-raymond.org>

Offered for the 6 weeks of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 21, 2021

Learn more about our history and identity as People of God, through reflections on the covenants.

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AN EVENING OF LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Monday, March 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Church

(In-person only through pre-registration on the website: <https://st-raymond.org>)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7:00 p.m. | Church and Livestream

February 19: Gathering of Women

February 26: Men of St. Raymond/CHRP

March 5: Bereavement Ministry

March 12 and March 19: Youth Ministry

March 26: Deacon Dave and Monica Babczak

In-person registration can be found under Mass Information and Registration at st-raymond.org or call the Parish Ministry Office (PMC) 847-253-8600

live stream available on the following platforms

our website at <https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StRaymondMPIL/>

youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StRaymondParishMPIL>

twitch <https://www.twitch.tv/straymondmpil>



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Lent

Scripture Series

Podcast with Fr. Scott

Offered for the 6 weeks of Lent beginning on
Sunday, February 21, 2021 at st-raymond.org/welcome/podcast

Learn more about our history and identity as People of God,
through reflections on the covenants.

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learn more about who we are as Church.

Lent

LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Alms

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in the Narthex of church, outside after livestream masses, at the parish office, or in the bins outside church/parish office. St. Raymond School will distribute rice bowls to all students.



Your donation, no matter how large or small helps in the following ways:

- 75% supports the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world
- 25% of your gift will stay in the diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts
- \$40.00 helps to purchase infant scales to measure babies' growth
- \$80.00 helps raise chickens to provide eggs for protein and income
- \$120.00 contributes toward a household garden for family nutrition

Thank you **ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

For the kids

Lent

Free Lenten Sing-A-Long with John Burland and Miss Heidi!

Join Catholic composer, John Burland, and Miss Heidi for a new sing-a-long special called "Songs to Journey with Jesus during Lent." This free children's video introduces children to the season of Lent and invites

children to sing along to some of John's special songs for this prayerful liturgical season. (Brought to you by Pflaum Publishing Group!) You can access the 40 minute video here: <https://youtu.be/V4hbrOc9cpA>



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT



So hot off the press, we don't have all the details yet. Please see our website at st-raymond.org or call the parish office for more 847-253-8600



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS

Feb. 19
Feb. 26
Mar. 5
Mar. 12
Mar. 19
Mar. 26

Responsorial aid will be available online for each Stations. You may download and print out or use your device to follow along in person.

**FRIDAYS DURING
LENT AT 7:00 P.M.**

In-person registration and live stream available online at st-raymond.org



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

COME FOR 1 HOUR TO EXPERIENCE

*Lenten Taizé
Prayer Service*

**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
7:00 P.M. | CHURCH**

"IT IS A TIME TO REST IN
GOD, TO LET THE WORDS
LISTENED TO AND SUNG
PENETRATE ONE'S BEING."

-Brother John, Taizé monk

IN-PERSON ONLY, PLEASE REGISTER AT [HTTPS://ST-RAYMOND.ORG](https://st-raymond.org)

Celebrations



Congratulations

Date: 2/13/21

Vincent Keanu Milewski


Proud Parents: Christian and Noriko



A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.
Deuteronomy 23:5

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)
MEETING ID: 947 3249 7120
PASSWORD: ROSARY

Prayer united even when apart

 **ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Pray the Rosary Live

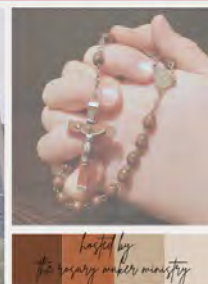
Thursday
Nights

at 7:00
p.m.



Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 918 6056 5978
Passcode: makers

Pray
the
Rosary



Pray for Our Sick As Members of the Parish Faith Community, it is our responsibility to remember both in concrete and spiritual ways those who cannot celebrate with us each week because they are ill. Those who are sick in turn, remember all of us daily in their prayers and in their sufferings. We experience many blessings because of their emembering us. And so ... please remember in your prayers the people listed. *Infant

Abplanalp, Esther	Gordon, Ken	Richards, Joan
Adamo, Mary Jane	Hackney, Cynthia	Riley, Barbara
Adams, Kathie	Hauswirth, Joseph	Riley, Liz
Adams, Robert	Herling, Liam	Rodriguez, Irma and
Amodio, Antoinette	Heslinga, Kathy	Julio
Archibald, Rosetta	Hodyl, Jerry	Sadeghloo, Donna
Baker, Robert	Hofmann, Dr. Lorenz	Sadeghloo, John
Baldassano, Andrea	Hopkins, Karen	Sanders, Rosemary
Baldassano, Dina	Hunt, Ann	Schreiner, Amy
Banadera, Leonida	Janas, Becky	Shea, Dorothy
Banas, Virginia	Juell, Cathy	Sheehy, Eleanor
Benden, Jeff	Kamaryt, Donald	Skillman, John
Bina, Steven	Karson, Steve	Skowron, Blake
Breitsameter, Barbara	Kegermann, Jack	Smerek, Kate
Brennan, Dorothy	Kenny, Mary	Sommers, Georgia
Brown, Gerald L.	King, Marianne	Swietek, Chester
"Chip"	Kramer, Eleanor	Theis, Tim
Bruso, Bill	Kurka, Peg	Tilpe, Hans
Buchberger, Chris	Kuzniak, Krzysztof	Torello, Rick
Buchberger, Greg	Lapinski, Louise	Tortorello, Carol
Buchberger, Katie	Leuzzi, Angela	Vecchio, Helen
Bychowski, Mike	Lopatkowicz, Christine	Walkowiak, Gloria
Cabanski, Karen	Maher, Elena	Wilson, Irene
Carr, Patrick	Marturana, Pam	Zabawski, Alice
Caulfield, Jim	Maslon, Emilija	Zlabis, Zachary
Cavage, Adeline	Mathews, Scott	
Chojnowski, Edward &	Monson, Dorothy &	
Marianna	Clarence	
Comanici, Coca	Murphy, Aria*	
Cotto, Mason	Murphy, Bill	
Crooks, Richard	Nichols, Roberta	
Czajka, Donna	Nitkiewicz, Tony	
Czajka, Frank	Novak, Jeanne	
Dauer, Elizabeth Anne	Nykiel, Antonina	
DeRoche, David	O'Brien, Michael	
Donna, Dorothy	O'Keefe, Debbie	
Dowling, Beau	O'Keefe, Shiela	
Drain, Daniel	Olsen, Julia	
Dzurisin, John	Payne, Laura	
Egart, Jean	Penze, Denise	
Eichberger, Mary Ann	Peppard, Tom	
Froelich, Roy	Peterson, Marion	
Getsla, Goldie	Reising, Donald E.	

† We Remember †

Monday—February 22, 2021
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Tuesday—February 23, 2021
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
† Rich Malinowski (4th anniversary)

Wednesday—February 24, 2021
9:00 am † Leon Lacey, Jr. (7th anniversary)
† Allan Stasica

Thursday—February 25, 2021
12:00 pm † Phyllis Musich

Friday—February 26, 2021
† John Rodinec

Saturday—February 27, 2021
5:00 pm † Nancy Anderson

Sunday—February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 am † Larry Hinkemeyer
11:00 am † Julia & Henry Happ
† John LaPlante
† Bryant Lewellen
† Stephen Stasica



With Sincere Sympathy

Beshara Youakim, Father of Mary Martin
Michael Sassan, Husband of Kristen, and
Brother of Marie, Ed,
Richard and Kathleen
Dina Furfori, Mother of Donna Del Giudice
Dr. Lorenz Hofmann, Cousin of Evelyn
Swietek
Dolores Maher, Mother of John, and
Grandmother of Ethan and
Julia

Counseling Services

Counseling Services are available for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, a relationship, job, and other challenging life situations through our Human Concerns Commission. If you would like to talk with a counselor, please contact Sr. Valerie Kulbacki, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 or at Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.



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TOGETHER**

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CELEBRATING *100 Days of School*



Last week, we celebrated 100 days of school. More than any year before, it truly was exciting to reach this annual milestone since we have worked hard to safely be in the classroom! We appreciate all the dedication, faith and positive energy exhibited to make our school year successful this far. Each student received a special "100-day treat" from the school. Preschool and kindergarten classrooms had celebrations and activities centering around "100". Even our fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Hernandez, got into the spirit by dressing up like a 100-year-old teacher!



ST. RAYMOND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

COVID CATCHUP COURSE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO
CATCH-UP WITH GRADE LEVELS

COURSE DURATION

March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Registration will open 2/7/21 and will close 2/21/21

COURSE COST

2020-2021 Registration Fees

CONFIRMATION



ENROLLING CURRENT 7TH GRADE

- Materials provided in late February
- Self-led with Parent
- Staff Support available
- Portfolio due dates still apply

Confirmation is a consecutive two-year preparation process, typically beginning in grade 7, completed in grade 8, and celebrated the Fall of Freshman year of high school.

FIRST EUCHARIST



ENROLLING CURRENT 1ST GRADE

- Materials provided in late February
- Self-led with Parent
- Staff Support available

First Eucharist and First Reconciliation preparation require a consecutive two-year preparation prior to receiving. Preparation typically begins in grade 1, and is completed and celebrated in the Spring of grade 2 (in "normal" circumstances).

Missing a Sacrament? NO PROBLEM!

Life happens. Schedules get busy.

St. Raymond is here for you!

If you have a 3rd grader through high schooler who is missing a Sacrament (or a few), please contact Cheryl:

c.haluczak@st-raymond.org

St. Raymond de Penafort Catholic Church
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST,

SPRING 2021

PARENT MEETING

WILL BE VIRTUAL

Details to follow

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Families will select the date & time that works best through online registration.
- Limit of 30 families per service
- Limit of 5 total people per pew

Saturday, March 6, 2021

- 10am: Option #1
- 11:30am: Option #2

Saturday, March 13, 2021

- 10am: Option #1
- 11:30am: Option #2

+Option #1: Service of Family Blessing
+Option #2: Service of Individual Confession

Attire: Sunday's best; please, no sports gear or apparel

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Details to follow.

PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

WILL BE VIRTUAL

Details and link to follow.

FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021
10:30AM & 1:30PM**

PLEASE NOTE: AS OF JANUARY 27, 2021,
SEATING FOR MASS WILL BE LIMITED TO
THE FIRST COMMUNICANT AND 4 GUESTS,
FOR A TOTAL OF 5 PEOPLE ALLOWED PER FAMILY PEW.

--SIGN-UP FOR MASS
PREFERENCE WILL OPEN ONLINE
IN MARCH ON IVOLUNTEER--

--SIGN-UP WILL FIRST OPEN TO
FAMILIES WHO POSTPONED
FROM SPRING 2020

--LINK WILL BE SENT VIA THIS
EMAIL

BOTH MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

CONTACT US

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AT THIS TIME, EMAIL IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH US

Support

St. Raymond Scrip Program will be placing orders every Monday at 10 am. Place your order on-line at shopwithscrip.com or drop off your order at the PMC. Forms available online or PMC. If you have any questions please contact Mary Siefke at 847-253-8600 ext. 135 or m.siefke@st-raymond.org.

SCRIP Program Purchase Form

Date: _____

Check #

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

DD/check/cash

Name:

Amount Due:

Please Indicated Number and Value of Cards Ordered

# of Cards	Value	%	Total \$	# of Cards	Value	%	Total \$
Ace Hardware	\$25/\$100	4%		Jewel Foods Gift Card	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%	
Amazon.com	\$25/\$100	2.5%		Joann Fabric Store	\$25	6%	
AMC Lowes Theatres	\$25/\$50	8%		Kohl's	\$25/\$100	4%	
Apple Store/Apple.com	\$15/\$25	5%		Landry's Rest. (Group)	\$25	9%	
Applebee's	\$25	8%		Lettuce Entertain You	\$25/\$100	12%	
Barnes & Noble	\$10/\$25	8%		Lou Malnati's Pizza	\$10	8%	
Bass Pro Shop/Cabella's	\$25/\$100	10%		Lowe's	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%	
Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25	18%		Macy's	\$25/\$100	10%	
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25/\$100	8%		Marathon	\$25/\$100	3%	
Best Buy	\$25/\$100	4%		Marianos Fresh Market	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%	
BP Gas Card	\$50/\$100	1.5%		Mario Tricoci's	\$25/\$100	7%	
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10/\$25	8%		Meijer	\$25/\$50/\$100	3%	
Buona Beef	\$10	8%		Menards	\$25/\$100/\$500	3%	
Burger King	\$10	4%		Noodles & Company	\$10	8%	
California Pizza Kitchen	\$25	8%		Nordstrom	\$25/\$100	6%	
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%		Oberweis	\$10	8%	
Chili's Rest. (Group)	\$25	11%		Office Depot/Office Max	\$25/\$100	5%	
Chipotle	\$10/\$25	10%		Outback Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$50	8%	
Crate & Barrel	\$25/\$100	8%		Panera	\$10/\$25/\$50	8%	
CVS Pharmacy	\$25/\$100	6%		Red Robin	\$25	8%	
Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		Regis Salons	\$25	10%	
Darden Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$100	8%		Shell	\$25/\$50/\$100	2%	
Dennis Uniform	\$20	5%		Speedway	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%	
Dicks Sporting Goods	\$25/\$100	8%		Staples	\$25	5%	
Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		Starbucks	\$10/\$25/\$50	7%	
Dunkin Donuts	\$10/\$25	3%		Steak 'n Shake	\$10	8%	
Express	\$25	10%		Subway	\$10/\$50	6%	
Exxon/Mobile	\$50	1%		Target GiftCard	\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250	2.5%	
Fannie May	\$10	25%		TGI Fridays	\$25	8%	
GAP/Old Navy(Options)	\$25/\$100	14%		TJMaxx/Marshalls	\$25/\$100	7%	
GameStop	\$25	3%		VISA	\$50/\$100/\$250	1.5%	
Hallmark Gold Crown	\$25	4%		Walgreens	\$25/\$100	6%	
Home Depot (The)	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%		Walmart/Sam's Club	\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250	2.5%	

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about all of
these on our
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 **NEED FOR CIVIC
INVOLVEMENT**

Be an election judge. Cook and Lake Counties have primary elections on **February 23, 2021 and April 4, 2021**.
Cook County voters can inquire at: cookecountyclerk.il.gov



drivers needed

meals and donations



 **ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

**ST. RAYMOND
MINISTRIES**

**DO YOU HAVE A
MINISTRY UPDATE?**

Please send your update to editor@st-raymond.org by Tuesdays and we'll update the community on your ministry. It's important for us to stay connected in every way we can during this crazy time.

See online for past updates.



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

**HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

Help serve those in our community

Empowering the laity

The next priest to accept the pastorate at St. Raymond was Father William J. Buhrfeind who came from a similar post at St. James Church in Maywood. He arrived in January, 1971 to take over the bustling parish.

Father Buhrfeind's challenges in Mount Prospect were different from those of his predecessors. They had dealt with virtually all of the physical needs of the parish. He,

on the other hand, had to deal with profound social change and an era of widespread unrest. This was only seven months after the anti-Vietnam War demonstrations at Kent State University in Ohio had led to the deaths of four students and the wounding of many others, and the country was wound up tight.

"I believed we could change the world," *Life* magazine reporter Robert Friedman

wrote of that time in *Life*'s 1996 special issue on the 50th anniversary of the Baby Boom. "The collective power we felt – here we were, Dr. Spock's children, setting off on a moral crusade, marching and chanting and inhaling together – was exhilarating. And our sense of self-importance was magnified by television, the very medium that had sought to commodify us. We had become the show."

Churches were not immune to the public's feeling of empowerment. The guidelines for more involvement in the Church by the laity had been outlined years before in the Vatican II document, but not yet implemented. So, understanding the demand for change in all areas of life, the



Father William Buhrfeind came from St. James Church in Maywood to take over as the third pastor of St. Raymond Church.

Pages from the illustrated history by Jean Powley Murphy

American bishops began to introduce Vatican II's directives.

Father Buhrfeind was the perfect leader for such an era. Quiet and gracious, according to Marie Jeuck, he was willing to let parishioners try their hand at many different tasks within the church. In fact, in 1972 he suggested the formation of a parish council in line with the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council. Its job was to be the coordinator of the activities of parish committees which oversaw such issues and entities as finance, religious education for both adults and children and the education board. In addition to the elected representatives of the people, the council was also to include the pastor, another priest and a

The idea of a Parish Council made up of lay people was a revolutionary one for the people of St. Raymond. So almost 40 people made the effort to run for 16 seats from eight geographic districts.



representative of the Sisters of Mercy.

Almost 40 candidates vied for 16 seats from eight different geographic districts within the parish. It was a spirited campaign which was even covered by the local newspapers. Everyone in the parish was given an opportunity to vote. In fact, ballots were

mailed to parishioners' homes and 2,000 people cast their votes – a participation rate of 40 to 50 percent.

The victors were Edwin Linkman, Patrick Doheny, Thomas Pawlowski, Mike Mokate, James Wade, Barbara Bychowski, William Demmert, Paul Sims, Malcolm King, John Nowicki, Robert Magnus, Pat Hayes, Joseph Arndt, James Barrett, Bernice McCarthy and Donald Burke. King was elected the first Council president. But he was transferred to another city and was unable to finish his term. So Nowicki then took over and finished out the two-year term.

"I remember that I ran for the Parish Council because my son was in first grade there and I wanted to become involved in helping the parish," recalls Don Burke.

"When the Council was formed, some people thought that they were going to run everything in the parish," Burke says, "but that wasn't practical. We weren't full-time people. The staff was better equipped. But I do remember Father Buhrfeind giving the Council a pretty free hand."

The Council addressed issues concerning finances, fund-raising and the physical plant of the parish, according to Burke, and it acted as a sounding board for parishioners on issues like Eucharistic ministers.

It was Father Buhrfeind himself, however, who handled two other important issues. He decided to sell an empty lot that the parish owned at 216 S. I-Oka Street, just to the north of the former rectory and the current home of the Steinmiller family and he personally solicited help in obtaining funds to replace the church's wheezing organ.

Father Buhrfeind chose to sell the empty lot to a neighbor, Richard Springston, who was also a builder. Springston built a home on the lot for which he paid St. Raymond \$12,500. Of course, the sale also had to be approved by the Archdiocese and John Patrick Cardinal Cody gave his approval in a letter dated July 14, 1971. The sale was completed in late August of that year. As far as the ailing electric organ went, Father Buhrfeind appealed to the congregation for donors and 16 stepped forward offering \$1,000 apiece to pay for a new instrument. The dedication and blessing of

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